

Decide.  
Commit.  
Succeed.



What's next?

Resources to help  
prepare for success

Statistics show  
that securing  
employment and  
housing result in  
greater success  
after  
incarceration.  
We want you to  
be a success  
story.

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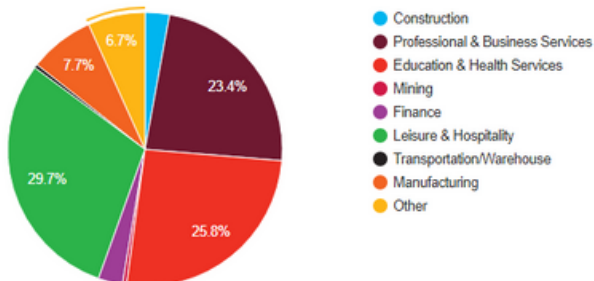
# Jobs are on the upswing.

In July, the US job economy continued to show its health with 209,000 jobs added to the economy.

The 3 industries responsible for the most job growth in July were:

- Leisure & Hospitality (62,000 jobs)
  - Education & Health Services (54,000)
  - Professional and Business Services (49,000)
- Food services and drinking places in particular account for 53,000 of the jobs within the Leisure & Hospitality industry – or 85%. Restaurants alone have added over 300,000 jobs to the industry since January.

Job Growth by Industry  
July 2017



# What can I do to prepare?

Do you have your birth certificate, social security card, and driver's license waiting upon release?

You will need these documents to secure employment. And some, if not all, documents can be obtained while you are incarcerated.

Do you have your GED or high school diploma? employers want this, at minimum. If the answer is no, ask about obtaining while incarcerated. You can accomplish this now.

Do you know what type of job you'd like? If so, learn about the skillset needed and work toward learning those skills now. If you want to work in the food service industry (most jobs added, see left), then ask to work in the kitchen. This is something that can then be listed on a resume,

Do you have a resume? Do you have access to a computer to create one? If the answer is yes, prepare one now.

If you are unsure, ask questions. Gain as much knowledge as you can before you are released. There's never a dumb question.

PREPARE NOW  
FOR SUCCESS  
LATER

# Make a plan.

"Hope for the best, expect the worst, and prepare yourself to adapt to whatever comes your way. You have what it takes, just as long as you refuse to let anyone or anything control your mind or break your heart." - Ned Rollo

Plan now for survival needs once you are released. Prepare now.

- A survival budget and source of essential funds
- Employment
- Family and personal support
- Housing
- Transportation
- Health care
- Legal concerns and supervision
- Recreation
- Personal growth
- Spiritual nourishment and growth

**We are here to help. If you have questions, please contact us at 304-234-0100. We want you to be our next success story!**

*"You need to have a plan. And if you don't have a plan, you need to make one soon. For school, work, how you are going to sustain yourself when you are home." - Derek, 54, Released in 2012*